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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT/IL97/00319, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination:

## IN THE DISCLOSURE

Kindly add, on page 1, after the title:

## --RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a US national stage application of PCT/IL97/00319, filed 30 September 1997.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

The following amendments are based on the claims attached to the originally filed PCT application, which were not amended in the PCT.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or claim 4".

Claim 7, line 1, delete "the preceding" and add --1-6-- after "claims".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "the preceding" and add --1-6--after "claims".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "the preceding" and add --1-6--after "claims".

Kindly add the following new claims:

--13. A page composition method according to claim 2 and including:

determining the relative layer of the overlapping elements.

wherein the portions of the elements in the band are transferred to the buffer memory in an order which corresponds to the determined layer of the overlapping elements.